## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-2 are pending in the application; reexamination and reconsideration are hereby requested.

1. The cross-reference paragraph has been amended to correct the errors found by the Examiner and also to cite the co-assigned cofiled applications.

2. Claims 1-2 were rejected as unpatentable over Gersho.

Claims 1-2: Base claim 1 requires determination of bandpass voicing levels for zero-phase equalization filtering during encoding. In contrast, the cited Gersho column 15, lines 25-26 (and FIG.6B) relates the decoding problem of no synchronization of the fundamental phase from a transition frame to a following voiced frame. This is motivation for the fundamental phase estimation of Gersho during decoding (illustrated in FIG.6C). There are no pass bands and no zero-phase equalization filtering during encoding. Consequently, the claims are patentable over Gersho.

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